I.C.P.O. Calendar

17-25 February 2005

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I.C.P.O. Calendar (Feb 17 - Feb 25, 2005)
Islands, Castles & Portable Operations
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NEWS FLASH!!

3Y0X Peter I DX pedition

Press Release

I am afraid we have bad news. At 1 AM local time today we learned that our charter vessel, the Cavendish Sea, had not yet sailed from the port of Comodoro Rivadavia. The Cavendish Sea was to sail to Ushuaia to pick up the Dxpedtion team and their equipment on Friday, Feb 18th. We were to sail before noon.

Because they have delayed their arrival until Sunday, and with a projected Monday departure, we have simply run out time. This latest delay on top of numerous previous delays, simply makes it impossible for us to spend a sufficient amount of time on Peter I to justify the DXpedition this year.

So, we have no choice but to postpone the DXpedition until 2006. We believe it is essential to allow enough time on Peter I to justify the monetary investment made by the team members, our sponsors, individual contributors, DX Clubs, DX Foundations.

After having the first vessel, the Antarctic Dream, default on their contract with us, then the helicopter company default on their contract and then after putting everything back together with an new boat and helicopter on this past Tuesday, the team has been on quite an emotional rollercoaster. Our sincerest thanks to everyone for the encouragement and support you offered us during this time.

Thanks,
Bob Allphin, K4UEE
Ralph Fedor, K0IR

[Tnx N1DG & dx-list]
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15/02/2005: ZK1 North CANCELLED. Press Release 15th February 2005. Day 17, Feb 15th Cyclone Nancy hit Aitutaki Island late last night, winds were not as severe as Cyclone Meena, so little damage was done, just fallen trees again blocking our exit of the lodges. Yesterday we had a team meeting and decided that due to the cyclonic depression covering the Cook Island area we must think about the safety of the team and after browsing weather charts of the South Pacific it was agreed to cancel the Manihiki Atoll Expedition. A very disappointing decision but safety comes first. The Cyclonic depression has been caused by cold air moving north from Antarctica meeting the hot humid air towards the equator this has caused a huge depression emitting cyclones in the Fiji to Cook Island area. The last cyclone to hit the Cook Islands was 6 years ago and in two weeks we have experienced 2 cyclones with another

one approaching us from Samoa. Are we the most unlucky DX Team? 3 cyclones to hit during the time here! It is unfortunate that we could not come here in November the best time to avoid cyclones but money and time off work is not so easy to schedule. I know this will disappoint many who are waiting to work ZK1 North, but I am sure you will understand the reason for our decision. We also received information that many of the Manihiki Islanders were evacuated last week before Cyclone Meena and do not want to go back until the all clear is given for the cyclones. Our antenna systems were taken down last night but will be put up again after Cyclone Olaf has passed by possibly on Wednesday or Thursday. Air Rarotonga evacuated their aircraft up to Aitutaki this morning to avoid the Cyclone on Rarotonga. 73 de ZK1 Team on Aitutaki Island. [Tnd Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

17/02/2005: Alex, RW3TN, is now active as D44AC from Sao Vicente (IOTA AF-086) until February 18th. QSL via RW3TN (ONLY Feb 16-18, 2005 and Feb 2003), direct or bureau. [Tnx RW3TN]

17/02/2005: Dan, KD3CQ (ARLHS member #979), plans to activate 3 Maryland lighthouses Thursday, February 17th. He will be signing KD3CQ/p from the following scheduled lighthouses: around 17:00 UTC from Fishing Battery (TWLHD reference K-061, ARLHS reference USA-287); around 19:00 UTC from Craighill Channel Upper Range Rear (ARLHS USA-201) and Craighill Channel Upper Range Front (ARLHS USA-200). Dan will be QRV on 40 meters (7.270 MHz +/- QRM) and 20 meters (14.270 MHz +/- QRM), SSB only. QSL via home call, SASE appreciated. [Tnx KD3CQ]

17/02/2005: Joeke, PJ6/PA0VDV, will be active February 17-23rd from Saba (IOTA NA-146). His next stop will be Curacao. QSL via home call. [Tnx DXNL]

17/02/2005: Vladimir, RW4HIH, is now active, until February 20th, as UE4HDA from the Borsky Area (RDA reference SR-26 for the Russian Districts Award), Samarskaya oblast (SR). QSL via RW4HB, direct or bureau. [Tnx RDA News]

18/02/2005: Team RK3DZJ will be active February 18-20th as RK3DZJ/p and R3ARS/p from the Balashihinsky Area (RDA reference MO-57 for the Russian Districts Award, RFFA reference RFF-127 for the Russia Flora & Fauna Award), Moscowskaya oblast (MO). QSL RK3DZJ/p via RV3DPM and R3ARS/p via RA3AKF, direct or bureau. [Tnx RDA News]

19/02/2005: Tom, W2SC, will be active from Barbados (IOTA NA-021) as 8P5A in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 19-20th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via NN1N. [Tnx OPDX]

19/02/2005: Look for Francois, F5JNE, (and Claude, F5MCC, if he has recover of the flu), to be active February 19th as F5JNE/p from the Castle of Bellecour (DFCF reference 45-018), located in the city of Sainte Genevieve des Bois (Canton 45-08, Zip Code 45-230), Province Centre and Department of the Loiret (45). Activity will be on 40 meter CW and SSB, starting around 07:30 UTC. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. SWL cards welcome as well. [Tnx F5NQL]

19/02/2005: Franco, IK4DCS/p, will be active Saturday, February 19th from several DCI references, for the Italian Castles Award. He plans to activate the following: the Castle of Canossa to Ciano d' Enza (DCI RE-024), the Castle of Rossena to Ciano d' Enza (DCI RE-025) and the Tower Rossenella di Rossena to Ciano d' Enza (DCI RE-026). Franco will

be QRV in the morning on 40 and 20 meters. All references are located in the Region of Emilia Romagna, Province of Reggio Emilia (RE). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx IK4DCS]

19/02/2005: Lorenzo, IZ2FOS/p, and Pietro, I2CZQ/p, will be QRV February 19th from the Castle of Casaloldo (DCI reference MN-060 for the Italian Castles Award), Region of Lombardia, Province of Mantova (MN). Activity will be on 40 meter SSB and will start at approximately 13:30 UTC. Other award references are WAIS: BL23, WAIZ: 46040 and ITA: B907. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [Tnx IZ2FOS]

19/02/2005: Dennis, K7BV, will operate in the ARRL DX CW Contest from the HI3CCP Santiago mountaintop QTH. See the Web page: http://www.lomadeltoro.com/ . Dennis will sign HI3TEJ during the contest. QSL HI3TEJ via ON4IQ. Look or K7BV/HI3 to be used outside the contest. QSL direct to CBA. [Tnx OPDX]

19/02/2005: Sergey, RU4WA, will be active February 19th as RU4WA/A from the Izhevsk Area, Oktjabr'sky (RDA reference UD-03 for the Russian Districts Award), Republic of Udmurtia (UD). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx RDA News]

19/02/2005: Sergey, UA0SE, will be active February 19-22nd UA0SE/p from the Angarsky Area (RDA reference IR-20 for the Russian Districts Award), Irkutskaya oblast (IR). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx RDA News]

19/02/2005: Mark, K0EJ, will be active from the Island of Nevis (IOTA NA-104) as V44/K0EJ (possibly a special contest callsign) during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 19-20th) as as Single-Op/Single-Band (15m)/Low-Power entry. QSL via home call. [Tnx OPDX]

19/02/2005: Jim, N6TJ, will be active as ZF2TJ in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 19-20th) as a Single-Op, All-Band, High-Power entry. Activity will be from ZF2NT's QTH on Little Cayman Island (IOTA NA-016). QSL via VE3HO (QRZ.com). [Tnx OPDX]

20/02/2005: Leo, W3LEO, will be active as MM0LEO from Portpatrick, Scotland (IOTA EU-005) from about 20 February 20th to March 29th. During the ARRL DX SSB Contest (5-6 March) he will use GM3W, the Wigtownshire ARC contest call. He will also participate in the CQ WPX SSB Contest (26-27 March) as MM0LEO. QSL both calls via W3LEO, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

20/02/2005: CT1APE (Jose), CT1FFU (Tony) and CT2GLO (Filipe) will be active February 20-26th as S92RI from Ilheu das Rolas, Sao Tome & Principe (IOTA AF-023, WW Loc. JJ31KA). Activity from 160 to 6 meter SSB, CW, PSK31, RTTY, WSJT. QSL via CT1APE (Jose Brilhante, Rua 16 De Marco, 2 P.O. BOX 745, Caldas Da Rainha 2504-911, Portugal). [Tnx CT1EEB]

20/02/2005: Dennis, WA2USA, will be active February 20th to March 5th as WA2USA/4 from Emerald Isle (IOTA NA-112, USI NC-010S, Carteret County), located in Onslow Bay, North Carolina. He also plans to participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 19-20th). QSL via home call (QRZ.com). [Tnx WA2USA]

21/02/2005: Jan-K4QD (HH4/K4QD) and Koh-JA7KAC (HH4/K2AC) will be operating from Haiti (IOTA NA-096) February 21st to March 4th. They will

be operating from the Northwest Haiti Christian Mission in St Louis du Nord (WW Loc. FK39WD). Activity will be on all bands 160-10 meter SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL HH4/K4QD via K4QD and QSL HH4/K2AC via JA7AGO. [Tnx K4QD]

21/02/2005: Larry W1LR, and Bill W4WX, will operate from Antigua (IOTA NA-100) as V25LR and V25WX, respectively, from February 21-24th. They will then travel to Montserrat (IOTA NA-103) on the 24th and operate from the Volcano Island, February 24th through March 2nd, using the callsigns VP2MHS (W1LR) and VP2MHX (W4WX). The activity will primarily be on PSK-31 and RTTY on 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 6 meters. QSL direct only to their home callsigns. [Tnx OPDX]

22/02/2005: Team RK3UWK will be active February 22-23rd as RK3UWK/p from the Ivanovo Area, Oktjabr'sky (RDA reference IV-02 for the Russian Districts Award), Ivanovskaya oblast (IV). QSL via UA3UME, direct or bureau. [Tnx RDA News]

22/02/2005: Eric, SM1TDE, will be QRV February 22nd to March 5th as SM1TDE/OA4 from Lima, Peru. Activity will be on 80 through 10 meter CW, with some RTTY and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

22/02/2005: Sergey, UA0SE, will be active February 22nd to March 9th as UE0SZA from Angarsk City (RDA reference IR-07 for the Russian Districts Award), Irkutskaya oblast (IR). QSL via UA0SE, direct or bureau. [Tnx RDA News]

22/02/2005: Look for operators Sigi DL7DF, Frank DL7UFR, and Wolfgang DL4WK to be active from the British Virgin Islands (IOTA NA-023) February 22nd through March 9th. Callsign will be VP2V/homecall. The team will have three stations with two linears available (at least one station will be on 24 hours a day). Activity will be on all bands (mainly low bands) CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV. Antennas mentioned are: 21m Vertical, R7, Hexbeam and Yagi for 6m, for RX K9AY loop and beverage antenna. QSL via DL7DF, direct or bureau. [Tnx OPDX]

23/02/2005: Look for Eli, HA9RE, and Charlie, HA8IB, to be active as 3D2RE from Fiji (IOTA OC-016) for a few days. QSL direct only via HA8IB. No Bureau QSLs. [Tnx OPDX]

23/02/2005: Ten operators from the Lufthansa Amateur Radio Club (LARC) plan to be active from 9Y4ZC's rent-a-QTH located near Scarborough, Trinidad Island (SA-009, WW Loc. FK90) between February 23rd and March 2nd. Operators mentioned are: Georg DD8ZX, Tom DG3FK, Jurgen DH6ICE, Frank DJ3FK, Norbert DJ9RB, Georg DK7LX, Rudi DK7PE, Bernd DK7TF, Silvio DL1FDS and Karl-Heinz DL4FP. The group will be signing 9Y4DLH. At least two stations will be active on 160-10 meters, CW, SSB and DIGITAL. QSL via DJ3FK (Frank Kosidowski, Ina-Seidel-Str. 115, D-40885 Ratingen, Germany). Logs will be available online AFTER the operation. [Tnx OPDX & DJ3FK]

23/02/2005: John, W2GD, will be active February 23rd to March 8th as P40W from Aruba (IOTA SA-036). Look for him to be active as P40W in the CQ WW 160m SSB Contest (February 26-27th) as Single-Op/High-Power entry. He will also be active in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 5-6th) as Single-Op/High-Power entry. Activity before and after both contests will be on CW and the WARC bands. QSL via N2MM. [Tnx OPDX]

24/02/2005: Phil, G3SWH; Jim, G3RTE; Jean, ON8RA and Adriano, ON5GA will be active from Nuachachott, Mauritania, on CW only on all bands 160 to 10 meters as 5T0CW between February 24th and 4th March 4th. Propagation permitting, they plan to have at least one station on the air on a 24 hours a day basis. QSL via G3SWH either direct with SAE and return postage, via e-mail for a bureau reply or via the bureau. [Tnx K1XN]

24/02/2005: Mike W1USN, Bob AA1M, and Scott W1SSR will be active from the island of St. Kitts (IOTA NA-104) between February 24th and March 4th, signing V4/homecall. They hope to operate CW, SSB and PSK on all authorized HF bands. QSL via the bureau or their CBA. [Tnx OPDX]

24/02/2005: Art, N2NB, will be QRV February 24th to March 8th as VP2MDY from Montserrat (NA-103). Activity will be on all bands 160 to 6 meters, including PSK31. QSL via N2NB (QRZ.com). [Tnx 425DXN]

24/02/2005: Larry W1LR, and Bill W4WX, will operate from Montserrat (IOTA NA-103), the Volcano Island, February 24th through March 2nd, using the callsigns VP2MHS (W1LR) and VP2MHX (W4WX). The activity will primarily be on PSK-31 and RTTY on 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 6 meters. QSL direct only to their home callsigns. [Tnx OPDX]

25/02/2005: Janusz, SP6IXF, and Przemek, SP7VC, will be active February 25th to March 11th from Namibia. They are landing in Windhoek on February 25th. The same day the will be in their QTH (Farm Heimat) located about 130 kilometers from the capital city. Farm Heimat is a HAM friendly location (http://www.natron.net/tour/heimat/index.html). They already have their licenses and the call-signs will be V5/SP6IXF and V5/SP7VC. On February 25th Janusz and Przemek are going to install 160m antennas and start to operate in the CQ WW 160m SSB the next day. They will have three beverages (for EU, USA and JA) for the top band. They will also participate ARRL DX SSB the next weekend. They will have FT-890, TS-50, IC-706MKIIG and TS-2000, 3el Mosley for 20/15/10 meters, 2el for 17/12 meters and wire antennas for other bands. They also plan to take 2el 40m Yagi but it depends on the weight. The web site of the DXpedition is located at: http://www.sp5zcc.waw.pl/dxpeditions/v5/ . If you need V5 on a choosen band, it is possible to arrange a SKED. Please e-mail before the DXPedition to Przemek SP7VC sp7vc@wp.pl . [Tnx SP5UAF]

25/02/2005: Bodo, DL3OCH, plans to be active between February 25th and March 6th from Key West (IOTA NA-062, USI FL-040S, Monroe County), Florida. He will sign W4/DL3OCH and will be QRV on 40 through 10 meter, CW only. Bodo also hopes to activate some other Florida islands during his stay. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx DL3OCH]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

17/02/2005: The Highfields Amateur Radio Club in Cardiff is now running special event station GB1CCC to celebrate Cardiff's 100 years as city and 50 years as a capital. GB1CCC is operational from the club headquarters for about one month from 11 February at 1900 to 2100 local time. The club will also be running this event at different venues throughout the year. For details contact the club secretary Steve, GW6CUR. [Tnx GB2RS]

25/02/2005: Every year, on February 25th and 26th the State of Kuwait celebrates its National and Liberation Day. To participate in this occasion, from the part of Kuwait Amateur Radio Society, there will be a

QSL card to mark this special occasion. The call to be used is 9K44NLD. Operation will be from KARS headquarters. Contacts may be conducted on any amateur band, any mode. The event will start at 00:00 UTC on the 25th of February and will end at 23:59 UTC Monday, February 28th. QSL via 9K2RR (Faisal Al-Ajmi, P.O. Box 1124, 80000 Al-Farwania, KUWAIT. [Tnx 9K2RR]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

04/03/2005: Once more, Pierre and Marie Therese are vacationing in Guadeloupe Main Island (IOTA NA-102, DIFO FG-001). Pierre will be FG/F6FXS. He, and his wife Marie Therese, will stay here between March 4th and 22nd. It's a CW only holiday style expedition. 40 to 10 meters with FT817 and wires, but neither computer nor Internet or other non radio links; so no skeds possible. UFT frequencies (7013, 10115, 14045, 18083, 21045, 24903, 28045 kHz). QSL when return direct (CBA) or via bureau. [Tmx IK1AWV]

09/03/2005: Pete, K8PT and Craig, K3PLV will again operate from Jersey (EU-013) March 9-16th. They both will have amplifiers and will operate 160-6 meters. Modes: CW,SSB,RTTY and some PSK-31. They will do at least one all nighter on 80 and 160 meters. This year they will accept skeds. To set one up on CW or RTTY e-mail: K8PT@chartermi.net, for SSB or PSK-31 e-mail: crahill@adelphia.net. Calls will be MJ/K8PT and MJ/K3PLV. QSL via home calls. [Tnx K8PT]

20/03/2005: George, IZ1DXS/1 (HF) and IW1FGZ (144 MHz) plans to be active from Cinzano Torinese Castle (DCI reference TO-103, for the Italian Castles Award) March 20th, 08:00-16:00 UTC on 7, 14 and 144 MHZ SSB. Cinzano Torinese Castle is located in the Region of Piemonte, Province of Torino (TO). Qsl via home calls direct (qrz.com) or via the bureau. [Tnx IZ1DXS]

23/03/2005: RZS Amateur Radio Club (W2RZS) members WB2NVR (Bob), WA2VQW (Mike), N2DVQ (Bob) and N2DHH (Adam) will be active March 23-29th on all bands as J75RZ from Dominica (IOTA NA-101). They also plan to be active in the CQ WPX-SSB contest (March 26-27th). QSL via W2RZS, direct (RZS Amateur Radio Club, 37 Saw Mill River Rd, Hawthorne, NY 10532), bureau or LoTW. [Tnx W2RZS]

07/04/2005: The operators who activated OC-251 September 2002, OC-261 April 2003 and OC-228 April 2004 plan to activate OC-220, Southern Australia State West group, St Peter Island, Nuyts Archipelago the second weekend in April, commencing early Thursday April 7th and concluding Monday April 11th April 2100z. This will be a special event, commemorating the 350th Anniversary of the death of Pieter Nuyts, the Dutch East India Company man and sometime explorer, who died in 1655. St Peter Island and Nuyts Archipelago, which is located off the coast from the seaport, Ceduna/Thevenard, was named after Pieter Nuyts in 1627 whilst exploring the southern ocean area of Australia, now known as the Great Australian Bight. St Peter Island is part of a closely protected Conservation Park and also part of a greater Ecological Restoration of Endangered Species Program by South Australia Parks and Wildlife. A permit has been obtained for 4 operators to land and operate for a limited period. Operating dates/times are dependant on weather conditions, which can be unpredictable at any time of the year. Expected operators are Peter VK3QI, Keith VK3FT, Jack VK3WWW and Max VK3WT. Usual IOTA frequencies will be observed, both CW and SSB. Emphasis will be on

30 and 40 CW and 20, 17 and 15 SSB. Long Path to Europe around 05:00-08:00 UTC will also be emphasized. OC-220 has only been activated once before in March 1997, by Mal (VK6LC) as VK5ISL, for a total of 2200 QSOs, making it a relatively rare group. CW QSOs will be available and special arrangements put in place to maximize contacts with African and South American stations, who have an entirely polar path through the auroral zones to contend with, both long and short paths. A special commemorative callsign has been applied for and we are particularly interested in having contacts with as many Dutch stations as possible. QSL details are as follows: via VK3QI Direct (any callbook) or via VK3 QSL bureau. Any questions about the proposed operation to: Peter Forbes, VK3QI (prforbes@bigpond.net.au). [Tnx VK3QI]

09/04/2005: Some members of the Vienna Wireless Society, K4HTA, plan an overnight trip to Chesapeake House on Tilghman Island (USI MD-017S), Talbot County, MD, April 9-10, 2005. Activity will be on all bands 160-10 meters, using the club call. QSL to K4HTA, direct, via the bureau or e-QSL. [Tnx N4ZPT]

15/04/2005: Dave, G4WFQ, will be active April 15-29th as C6AWF from Treasure Cay, Abaco Island (IOTA NA-080). Activity will be on 80 through 10 meters, including WARC, mostly CW and RTTY, with some SSB. Online Logs and log upload to LoTW after the operation. QSL via G3SWH, direct or bureau. [Tnx G4WFQ]

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73 and Good Hunting!
Dave Raycroft - VA3RJ
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Mirror: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/
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DX Calendar: http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/dx.html
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